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AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO AN OFFICE ACTION  
(Paper No. 4) MAILED JANUARY 29, 2002

Responsive to an Office Action (Paper No. 4) mailed January 29, 2002, please  
amend the application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel Claim 4.

1. (Amended) A connector comprising:

a conductive contacting portion having a contact point formed at its one end to be  
brought into contact with a mating object in a first direction at a predetermined position;

a spring portion supporting the contacting portion so that the contacting point is  
elastically movable in the first direction and a second direction perpendicular to the first  
direction;

displacement maintaining means for maintaining the contact point in a specific  
condition such that the contact point is offset from the predetermined position in the  
second direction;

said displacement maintaining means releasing the specific condition when the  
contacting portion is moved in a direction opposite to the first direction;

the contacting portion being inclined in a direction intersecting with the first direction  
at an acute angle when the specific condition is maintained, and

the contacting portion being kept in substantially another direction parallel to the  
first direction under a restoring force of the spring portion acting in the second direction

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CASE: 200380-0313 ) Group Art Unit: 2839  
SERIAL NO. 09/880,608 ) AMENDMENT  
FILED ON: June 13, 2001 ) RESPONSIVE TO AN  
FOR: Connector Excellent in Reliability of Contact ) OFFICE ACTION (Paper  
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